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Hi Ty —

Mike asked me to send this along to you — I'll keep my eye open for something from David, too. Give me a call if you need anything else. Have a nice trip!

Liz

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Here 'tis, Mike. ①

Gossip

Friends, the rumour is true: You've seen your last Whole Earth Review—at least in the form you're used to. This Gossip page is all of issue 90 we can give you for now. During all those years of talking about sustainability, we have just barely sustained ourselves. Rising paper and mailing costs, and losses incurred while the Millenium Whole Earth catalog was being produced, have finally brought our finances and overworked crew to the point of exhaustion (see financial report below). We're not bankrupt, and we're still breathing, but we've stopped publishing for six months to give us room to bring in some some new ideas that will make us sustainable. We tell you more about all this on the next page

Except for Mike Stone and Liz Thompson who hold the fort (the mail and phones still work), the entire crew is laid off. The Gate 5 office space is up for rent, its former contents temporarily jammed into a cargo container out back. Where'd everybody go?

With the pressure off at last, our valient editor, Ruth Kissane is off to chat with the ghosts of her ancestors in Ireland. James Donnelly is in New Orleans, painting exuberant designs on carnival equipment (some people have all the luck)

Winslow Colwell and Kathleen O'Neill are doing contract graphics. I'm on the road lecturing and hustling *BuckyWorks* (which is selling well), teaching at two local colleges, hatching another book and attempting to ready my PillowDome for production. At this writing, Peter Warshall is helping fight a nasty forest fire on Mount Graham near Tucson, where he has spent so much time and energy over the years to save the endangered red squirrel. When the fire is out, he'll go back to TK. David Burnor is working in a hospital with his wife, Ruthanne. Meg, Allison, and our several faithful interns are grabbing work where they can

In early May, David, Liz, Winslow, Leslie, and friends took advantage of their new freedom and canoed Utah's Green River, with WER contributor Craig Childs as guide. All returned tan, happy, and full of canyons, hidden Anasazi ruins, and fullmoonlight.

Though he was a professional river-runner, our longtime friend and editor, Richard Nilsen was not with them. He died that same week of AIDS, after five years of grim, but spirited, struggle. Richard turned out to be literally irreplaceable (a cliche he would have deleted): When he was unable to work here any longer, we kept a desk ready, hoping for his miraculous return. An empty desk usually attracts a new tenant, but this time, nobody showed up. Richard didn't either: his new job as Determined Survivor took all his time. Before falling ill, he looked, walked, and thought like a man who had spent a lot of his life outdoors, paying attention. In addition to the results of his sensitive editing, he left us a bunch of well-honed articles, a

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Re: Meeting Scheduled with Humanity for Feb. 5

Jack Novatney from Strategic Leisure called to ask that we put the meeting with Humanity on hold until other aspects of the deal can be worked on. I told him that we wouldn't be able to meet any day after Monday next week (because Ty is going out of town), but that didn't seem to bother him.

So, assume you don't need to hold Feb. 5 on your schedule for that meeting. Strategic Leisure is still planning to get us their preliminary proposal for a Sony-Whole Earth plan by the middle of this week, after running it by Sony.

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